

Executive Office of the President

Office of Defense Mobilization

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Priority System for the Resumption of  
Intercity Private Line Service

The Director has asked me to inform you that the procedures contained in the attached document entitled "Priority System for the Resumption of Intercity Private Line Services" are in the process of being established through the cooperative efforts of the Federal Communications Commission and the privately owned communications companies.

This precedence system is designed for use by customers of United States common carriers engaged in furnishing domestic and/or international wire, radio and cable communications, and will be made available on a national basis for voluntary implementation by those carriers starting July 1, 1956. Such implementation now will assist in the prompt and orderly resumption of private line services essential to the national defense and security of the country should such services be interrupted due to natural disasters or due to other causes during a condition of national emergency.

Forms necessary to certify to the carriers the priorities to be accorded essential private line services may be obtained from the company furnishing the service.

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Attachment

